

## We are the champions



## HIS SECOND MARRIAGE 'DISASTROUS'

A MARLOW MAN'S 10-year-old marriage ended in tragedy when his wife died of a heart disease. He was so upset during the last stages of her illness that he could not visit her. But when he received a letter saying that she understood his feelings he rushed to see her. She died before he got there.

After a long period of loneliness struggling to bring up their young son Kenneth, Ray contacted a marriage bureau. He met Sheila, a divorcee, and married her within six weeks. The marriage turned out to be "disastrous", counsel Michael Vivian, told Marlow magistrates on Thursday.

The new wife brought her son to live with Ray and his wife in a two-roomed flat. She was anything like the first Mrs. Ray, she wasn't in the kitchen and this was reflected in her cooking and other ways.

### Kicked and pulled

Ray returned home early in the afternoon of April 21 to find his wife preparing to take their 11-month-old son for a walk. He told her never to return, said Mr. John Cumberlege.

A verbal battle started then Ray "got hold of his wife's coat and shook and slapped her face. She went into the kitchen carrying the baby and he followed her and started kicking her and pulling her hair. This took place while she was holding the baby."

"He then took the baby and continued kicking her and pulling her hair. Mrs. Ray fled out of the house and went to a neighbour's where she telephoned the police."

When a police officer arrived she was holding a clump of hair which had been pulled from the centre of her head and had bruising on one calf. Ray was arrested. He admitted injuring his wife, but would give no explanation.

Mr. Vivian said that Ray, an accountant, has had guilty feelings since his first wife died because he did not get to see her in time. "He, of course, found his second wife wholly different and it was a disaster that he should have married his second wife."

She wanted to have their baby adopted, but Ray refused to do this. He had now decided to take his first son to live with his mother in Bristol, despite the fact that he was desperately unhappy about leaving the baby. He had promised not to see his wife again, said Mr. Vivian.

### Place in a mess

The cause of the argument was that Ray had been drinking as the prosecution alleged. "He doesn't go out and drink and beat his wife up. He went to the pub in a mess and atmosphere intolerable. She hadn't spoken to him for two days. The place was in a mess and she hadn't paid any bills."

Mrs. Ray had not said she was going out with Ray and was afraid from him.

"It's easy to tabulate the crisis which has befallen him, a man who before his first wife died, was totally normal," continued Mr. Vivian.

The second marriage had been in jeopardy once before when divorce proceedings were started. They had been halted. And Ray had become so depressed with life that he took an overdose of aspirin.

"He isn't a violent man at all. It's easy to appreciate the overriding ways of the first wife. It was a real bond of love and affection."

Mr. Vivian said Ray realised he needed treatment. He had already seen a psychiatrist and would continue treatment when he moved. "This is a very tragic matter indeed."

The scenes of jubilation over, Wycombe Wanderers were able to relax for our colour picture of the new Rothmans Isthmian League champions. By beating Leytonstone 3-0 at Loakes Park on Saturday, the Blues clinched their third title in four years only this season they will have something to show for their efforts — £1,600 from the sponsors.

There were some memorable scenes at the end of the match with hordes of Wycombe fans invading the pitch to pay tribute to their heroes. The Wycombe players and officials responded by sharing their championship winning champagne with their supporters, while skipper Larry Pritchard, who scored two of the goals, was chaired around the field.

The celebrations didn't end there. The club staged a disco in the evening and many of the records were swamped by the chants of "We are the champions" and "Up the Blues." Wycombe's triumph capped a tremendous season for the club including the 3-1 F.A. Cup victory over Newport County and the Borka and Bucks Senior Cup successes.

The team line up is as follows: Back row (from left to right) Brian Lee (manager), Ian Rundle, Jack Sheppard (trainer), Dylan Evans, Dave Bullock, Keith Mead, Jack Smedhurst (chairman), Graham Mackenzie, Steve Parris, Keith Searle, John Maskell, Kevin Raine, John Reardon (assistant manager), front row Roger Grant, Phil Wood, Paul Birdseye, Tony Horsman (with packet of Rothmans!), Mick Holtford, Larry Pritchard (capt.), and Tarry Reardon.

Picture, and those on back page, by Bob Mead.

## NEW TWIST TO THE OLD SCHOOL 'B'

By ROBERT HOUSE

THERE HAS been a new twist in the story of the old Wendover Church of England Middle school which was bought by a development company for £27,000 on Thursday. It may be re-sold. The parents of Prebendal school, a private school in Aylesbury due for closure, were outside by £2,000 by the Cottage Men Ltd., of Buckland Wharf, a company who specialise in the rebuilding of old buildings. New parents have come up with more money and will make an offer of about £40,000 to the Cottage Men this week.

This may be the end of a long fight by parents to find a new home for some 120 boys and girls from the Vale of Aylesbury aged between five and 16 who will have to leave on the closure day, July 19.

Ironically the site of their school, next to St. Mary's church in Aylesbury, has been bought by a property developing company. Mr. James Frost, leader of the "save Prebendal" campaign, said that there was a good chance of doing a deal with the Cottage Men this week. "More parents are going to help and I'm still working on my figure," he told Mid-week.

After the auction of the 100 year old Wendover school, which is subject to a permanent preservation order, Mr. Frost straight away took action in negotiating another deal.

Before the sale took place the parents had only two weeks in which to come up with the money to bid — up to £30,000.

The school stands in the centre of Wendover close to the clock tower. It comprises two main buildings and a new block — formerly the staff and cloakrooms. The whole lot covers about 6,500 square feet. Proceeds from the sale go to the school.

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### Raising the money

Sale of the school, has been a matter of great controversy for local people thought it should have been saved as an amenity for Wendover. But all attempts failed.

When the school did come under the hammer at the George and Dragon, Princes Hall, on Thursday, there were surprisingly few bidders. The auction room packed with "interested parties" and onlookers saw a first bid of £25,000 and seconds later Prebendal parents reached their maximum — the deal was made for just £27,000.

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## PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE BUCKS?

DO THE people of Bucks really care about the future of their county? The new Bucks County Council, born on April 1 and meeting officially for the first time on Thursday, wondered just that. From the County Hall meeting at Aylesbury came criticisms of a general lack of public interest in the future planning of Bucks.

The criticism came when Councillor Roger Parker-Jervis of Hughenden, chairman of the highways, planning and transportation committee was speaking of the analysis prepared on the public's reaction to the booklet "Change and Choice".

BY ANNE GINGER

The old council published the booklet as part of the "public participation" programme to prepare a structure plan for the county. It put forward some ideas which might be included in a draft plan, and, where appropriate, alternative policies.

In a committee report, Councillor Parker-Jervis told members that in spite of the booklet being made widely available, a number of public meetings being held, and people and organisations being encouraged to give their views, the analysis showed a general lack of public interest.

About 350 organisations and individuals contacted on the previous, but the number was

low in relation to the total population of the county.

"It conforms with experience elsewhere," stated the report. "Most comments received were opposed to growth and were apprehensive of change. There was support by the majority for a policy providing for limited growth — no further growth beyond commitments existing in South Bucks, but growth associated with existing local industry in the central part of the county."

The strongest reaction, said the report, was on two issues which were less fully covered in "Change and Choice". These were housing, particularly for the lower-paid, and transportation, especially the respective importance of public transport and the private car.

The silent majority

Lady Hall, wife of the M.P. for Wycombe, Sir John Hall, defended what she described as the "silent majority". "There is a large silent majority in the south of the county — they think that other people and organisations are speaking for them, so they don't say anything for themselves, but they do feel very strongly about this. They don't want any more development in the south of the county," she said.

Mr. Parker-Jervis went on to explain that because of the relatively low number of comments received "extreme caution should be shown in drawing from them any conclusions about the reaction of the public as a whole to 'Change and Choice'. The format and presentation of the booklet had received some favourable comments, but there had been criticism of its lack of appraisal of the financial implications of alternative strategies."

It is hoped that the draft structure plan will be ready for the planning sub-committee's consideration later this year.

## Raising the roof — again

THE STEEL roof which collapsed during the construction of the new Wycombe Sports Centre is to be re-erected this week and will take three or four weeks to complete.

"Everything has been checked by an independent firm and the structure is basically sound," said Mr. C. Knowles, acting district secretary and a committee member last week.

Mr. Knowles said that the collapse had not been caused by a design fault, but by a number of minor things which were largely due to small contractors and not the roof collapse.

Delays were expected in completion of the centre but these were largely due to small contractors and not the roof collapse.

## And a bed for 20p

AN ESTIMATED £1,200 was raised at the grand charity bazaar held at Burnham Hall, Burnham, on Saturday by the town's Rotary Club.

Most of the money will be spent on providing emergency alarm systems for the elderly and disabled, while £300 will pay for a specially adapted typewriter for the Princes Marina Home (Pond). Donations will also be made to the American Samaritans and other local charities.

The successful auction — which started at 10.30 a.m. and lasted until the evening — was the culmination of months of hard work by the Rotarians, who under the leadership of Mr. Monty Tripp, started collecting suitable goods for £20 pence, a chest of drawers and dressing table for 20 pence, and a blue commode for 30 pence.

Other cheap buys included working television for 50 pence, a Singer sewing machine for £15 and a Singer Sewing machine for £15.

Goods which went for higher prices included a four-burner cooker for £36, a fridge for £17, a black marble clock for £15, and a black marble clock for £15.

Silverware proved popular with the audience and a number of items were recorded for various prices.

## HOLIDAY MID-WEEK

Your Mid-week will appear as usual after the Spring Bank Holiday, but in order to help us with production we'll ask correspondents and advertisers to endeavour to see that their copy reaches us before the weekend. Friday 4 p.m. if possible. Thank you — E.D.

## Mark-three!



Meet the birthday boy, Mark Kalloway, who was three on the day, as he won a prize in the fancy dress at the Leacy Green School Fayre on Saturday. Picture by Geoff Gomme.



## The Queens Head TYLERS GREEN.

The 300 year old Queens Head at Tyldesley Green is opening a new restaurant. The Electric Carvery seats 56 people in the retained old world atmosphere but with the new added sumptuous comfort. The house speciality is succulent, tender, roasted joints and diners are invited to carve for themselves as much as they can eat. Alternatively, there is a wide selection of other traditional dishes, together with a choice of home-made dishes of the day.

Above the restaurant, is the delightful Queens Parlour Bar, uniquely situated in the loft of a beautifully converted barn. The original beams, arching from wall to wall, lend a charming atmosphere to the room, where Whitebread beers are offered together with spirit doubles at a special price.

The Parlour Bar is available for Private Functions and Weddings. For further information and Table Reservations, contact the General Manager, Mr. C. Rudge.

Telephone number: PENN 3371.

Ample CAR PARKING is available at all times.

## ELEGANT GRAN



Mrs. Norma Iremonger, of 35 Everest Road, High Wycombe, won the weekly heat of the "Most Elegant Grandmother" competition whilst staying at a Prestatyn holiday village, Clwyd in North Wales. She qualifies for the all-season finals, held later this year. Norma is a young and attractive gran of only 43, who is a burnout housewife and her hobbies include gardening and reading. She won this contest for her good dress sense and well groomed and smart appearance. While on holiday she celebrated her silver wedding.